

# Emergency Medical Technician - Basic

## Course Description & Entrance Requirements:

South Carolina follows the current 1994 United States Department of Transportation (DOT) / National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) curriculum for EMT-Basic. In addition to the 110 hour curriculum, additional hours are included for the following:

∅	Advanced Airway (Module 8 - Orotracheal Intubation - ET)	12 Hours
∅	CPR (included in course)	8 Hours
∅	Enrichment Modules	9 Hours
∅	Infection Control	
∅	Hazardous Materials	
∅	Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garments	
∅	IV Maintenance	

The **initial** EMT-Basic course as outlined above is a **minimum of 139 classroom hours** plus the required clinical experience as specified in the curriculum course guide.

The **refresher** EMT-Basic course exceeds the DOT EMT-Basic Refresher and is a **minimum of 36 classroom hours** and incorporates the Advanced Airway Module in addition to the standard refresher training.

Entrance requirements for all candidates entering an **initial** EMT-Basic training program in South Carolina are as follows:

- ∅ High School Diploma or GED.
- ∅ 18 years of age **prior** to the last class meeting.
- ∅ Be physically fit and able to perform all the tasks required of an EMT.
- ∅ Other prerequisites as required by the specific training institution.
- ∅ Must have a current BLS credential **prior to state certification as a basic**.

Entrance requirements for all candidates entering a **refresher** EMT-Basic training program in South Carolina are as follows:

- ∅ Current South Carolina EMT - **OR** -
- ∅ Previous South Carolina EMT (Not expired for more than one year) - **OR** -
- ∅ Letter of permission from the state EMS office.

All candidates successfully completing a South Carolina EMT-Basic course (initial or refresher) must successfully pass the National Registry EMT-Basic Practical & Written Examinations prior to receiving a South Carolina EMT-Basic state certification.

### Associate Degree Program

There is one technical college, Greenville Technical College, that operates an associate degree program through which EMTs at all levels are trained. Their curriculum meets all DOT / NHTSA EMT training objectives, and students must meet the institution's admission, progression, absentee and graduation criteria as is approved by SC DHEC EMS in order to test the National Registry Examination for state certification. Call (864) 250-8490 for more information.